



Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment

Community Collaborations & Outreach

WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY

Western Colorado Regional Air Quality Collaboration

<http://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/regionalaqcollaboration>

Providing local governments with a direct line of contact in the Air Pollution Control Division, the Air Quality Collaboration provides both technical and policy expertise to assist regional leaders in their efforts to improve and learn about air quality across Colorado.

Exceptional Events

http://www.colorado.gov/airquality/tech_doc_repository.aspx#exceptional_events

Adverse air events can sometimes be uncontrollable and unpredictable; wildfires and dust storms contribute significantly to what are known as Exceptional Events. The Air Pollution Control Division conducts thorough analysis of these events and provides support to local governments to provide public health alerts and review best practices.

Statewide Health Assessment

To be released during Public Health of the Rockies Conference (week of September 16, 2013)

http://www.coloradopublichealth.org/conference/preliminary_agenda.php

The development of the State Health Assessment allows CDPHE to enhance our efforts to engage with stakeholders to identify current challenges relating to air quality and health impacts. By collaboratively setting priorities, coordinating resources, and developing region-specific programs, we are providing targeted solutions to Colorado's air quality challenges. Highlighted air quality topics include mercury, nitrogen oxides, unhealthy air quality days, and potential risk associated with toxic chemical releases.

Colorado Smoke Outlook

<http://www.colorado.gov/airquality>

Outlook details Wildfire Smoke Health Advisories throughout the state of Colorado. During active wildfire seasons, it is important for citizens and communities to be aware of potential smoke issues in their area. The Colorado Smoke Outlook provides an effective way to keep citizens informed in real time.

Dust Storm Blowing Into Mesa Verde National Park



Photo Credit: Jason Neff

West Fork Complex Fire, northwest of Wolf Creek Pass



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